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## SHIP SUNK, AMERICAN IS INJURED

**Report of Attack on Russian Bark Shows That Two Citizens of United States Were in Danger.**

**Indictment Against Germany's U-Boat Warfare is Ready for Transmission to Berlin at Once.**

Washington, April 17.—One of two Americans aboard the Russian bark Imperator, from Gulfport, Miss., for Marseilles, France, was wounded when the vessel was fired upon without warning by an Austrian submarine off the Quimbred Islands, according to official advices to the state department today.

The American injured were Gustav Olson, whose father is bailmaster at Port Warren, Boston. The other American, who was aboard was Amer Swenson, whose brother is foreman of a Minneapolis furniture factory. The state department's information came from the American consul at Barcelona, Spain. He said the ship was fired upon without warning on April 11.

Three shots were fired, one taking effect. The submarine was seen in the hospital at Barcelona, suffering from shrapnel wounds.

**Indictment Against Germany's Warfare By U-Boats Ready**

Washington, April 17.—Announcement was made at the White House that President Wilson has virtually completed consideration of the forthcoming communication to Germany and it was indicated that it probably will go forward to Berlin late today or tomorrow.

President Wilson, it was said, has been steadily engaged with the state department since the attack on the ship yesterday and worked virtually all day examining evidence submitted by the state department.

The document, officials said, will press the submarine issue to a decision. It was reiterated that the submarine case would form only a link in the chain of evidence the United States will present to Germany to show that her promises have not been fulfilled. The document was characterized by officials today as being very positive in tone and they believe that only a prompt acquisition by Germany in the position taken by the United States can prevent a break in diplomatic relations.

Unofficial despatches from Berlin indicating that the German government is ready to meet the United States more than half way, it was said, will not change the course of the American government decision at Friday's cabinet meeting.

Before the note to Germany goes forward, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing may confer again but it was said today that this was not absolutely necessary. The President and his cabinet have agreed on the steps to be taken and the President is now establishing the phraseology of the proposed communication. He intends to include in the indictment of Germany's submarine campaign attacks on neutral vessels not carrying American cargo.

That will be done on the broad grounds of humanity and for the reason that many of these neutral vessels were going to Germany. The United States state department today received a cable from ambassador Gerard at Berlin which it was said authoritatively, was devoted entirely to editorial expressions from the German newspapers.

State department officials declared the ambassador had not yet submitted a report of conversations he was reported in press despatches last week to have had with officials of the German foreign office.

**Neutral and British Ships Are Torpedoed**

London, April 17.—The sinking of a neutral ship and a British steamship was reported by Lloyd's today. The Norwegian ship Glendora was sunk by gunfire. The lost British steamship was the Harrovia, which was unarmed.

The Glendora, which was sailing from Iquique, Chile, for Callao, was built in 1894 and owned in Christiania. Her gross tonnage was 1,398.

The Harrovia sailed from New York, April 2, for Havre. She was built in 1914 for a London company. She was of 4,369 tons gross.

**TWO WIDOWS FIGHT FOR COMPENSATION**

Lawyers representing two women each of whom claims to be the widow of Walter M. Shaw, presented briefs and arguments to Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham today. Shaw, who was a conductor on the Connecticut Co., was changing the trolley pole on a street car when another car was driven against him and he suffered injuries from which he afterward died.

**THE WEATHER**

Showing this afternoon and tonight; Tuesday fair, fresh to strong southwest winds.

## ADVISORY BOARD ALONE WILL HAVE HANDLING OF VAST FUND FROM BONDS

Mayor Wilson's advisory committee on bonding, headed by John T. King, the Republican boss, will have the handling of more than two millions from the sale of bonds authorized in the special election on Saturday.

By just what stretch of the imagination this committee will take charge of the municipal cash none has yet volunteered to explain. But the fact is that today City Clerk J. A. H. Robinson received instructions to send out notices for a special meeting of the bonding committee during the week. Tonight, Mayor Wilson will send a special message to the common council, telling the aldermen in his words that they are to have nothing to do with handling the cash—that the advisory committee will do all that for them.

The money will be expended by approval of the advisory committee no matter what the bonding resolutions read.

Under the charter the various commissioners and officials of different departments for which the bonds were voted are the constituted authorities to make contracts and distribute the money. The resolution by which the advisory committee was created by the common council on December 6, 1915, reads that the advisory board be created "for the purpose of looking into the city's needs and making recommendations to the board of aldermen, as to what is needed to Bridgeport's growth and development."

Tonight the mayor's message to the common council will contain a suggestion that none of the \$2,750,000 issue will be expended without the approval of the advisory board. This will be adopted and it means that all contracts can only be let after the board has passed on the matter. The board of contract and supply will be asked to advertise for bids as usual, but Mayor Wilson will use his prerogative to let any contract without competition if he so desires, as was done when the big Warrenton contracts were let.

The bond measures adopted Saturday were: \$500,000 for paving macadam; \$300,000 for new schools; \$500,000 for sewer bonds; \$220,000 for the Grand street bridge and \$130,000 for the East Washington avenue bridge; \$175,000 for public clinics; \$275,000 for park lands and \$250,000 for street extensions.

The advisory committee consists of John T. King, chairman; Charles G. Sanford, DeVer H. Warner, Hamilton S. Shelton, George M. Eames, Charles S. Canfield, Clinton B. Seeley, Frank Miller, Malcolm MacFayden and Robert N. Blakelee.

## ADMINISTRATION WILL GIVE AWAY THREE CITY HIGHWAYS TO INDUSTRY

No report of the streets and sidewalks committee of the common council will be made tonight on the question of closing South avenue as desired by the Crane Co. or parts of Jefferson and Adams streets as desired by the Lake Submarine Torpedo Boat Co. When the council is called together it will be for an adjourned meeting on the evening of Monday.

April when a favorable report will be submitted by the committee.

The committee has not met since April 3, when continued public hearings on both propositions were held. Most of those who appeared at these hearings were in opposition to the closing of the streets. The Crane Co. desires to close South avenue from Franklin avenue to the Barnum dyke. It also desires to close a part of Barnum dyke. In addition it has offered to open Atlantic street to the dyke and maintain and keep open part of that street. It has offered to exchange some land on the mud flats for part of the Seaside park property to straighten out the park line there.

The Lake Co. offers to open Eagle street to Johnson's Creek and maintain a bulkhead dock there for the use of boatmen and the public.

The propositions of both companies have been opposed not only by the property owners in the vicinity, but by business men who live in other parts of the city. Nevertheless the word has been passed to the henchmen of the administration to report favorably.

An effort will be made to all in the report quickly at the adjourned meeting of the common council two weeks from tonight. Alderman Malcolm MacFayden, who is known to favor both propositions and at whose instance the public hearings have been prolonged and continued from time to time, has been out of the city for several days. He returned yesterday but the streets and sidewalks committee, of which he is chairman, has not had time to hold a meeting and will not have one until sometime during the week.

**OCTAGENARIAN  
SLASHES THROAT  
WITH OLD KNIFE**

**Easton Resident Found in Barn, is Rushed to Bridgeport Hospital.**

Wilson W. Ferris, aged 84, was found unconscious yesterday morning, lying on the floor of his barn in Easton. His throat had been slashed to ribbons with a jack knife that lay at his side.

Dr. Ernest H. Smith of Redding, who was called to attend him, declared Mr. Ferris had attempted suicide. He is in the Bridgeport hospital, with little chance to live.

According to Dr. Smith, Mr. Ferris had been melancholy for many months and was afflicted with sleeplessness. A few months ago his wife died. He had been living in his home near Rock House Corners, near the Redding line, with a caretaker.

He ate his breakfast yesterday morning, acting moodily. Soon after 8 o'clock he went to the barn and when he did not return an investigation was made. He was found unconscious, losing much blood from gashes in his neck.

Dr. Smith was called and he learned that while the neck had been cut almost to ribbons, no artery or important vein was severed. He sewed the cuts and Mr. Ferris was removed to the Bridgeport hospital in the automobile of Randolph Bradley. He recovered consciousness on his way to the hospital and in response to an inquiry asserted: "I can't sleep."

At the hospital it was said today that his condition is very critical. In the opinion of Dr. Smith he can't live because of the great loss of blood, his age and the likelihood of infection.

The dullness of the knife or the feebleness of Mr. Ferris prevented the slashes from doing immediately fatal damage.

**MEN WHO STABBED THOMPSON MISSING**

The police have been unable to locate the two strange men who stabbed William Thompson of 268 State street at Clarence and Koseuth streets at 8:30 last night. Thompson with his wife and some friends were passing the intersection of streets when one of the strangers grabbed Mrs. Thompson by the arm. Her husband interfered and was stabbed in the back and left shoulder. The men fled. The police have a description of both men. The wounds inflicted on Thompson are not serious.

## HERVIE BURR'S MEMORY POOR DURING INQUIRY

**Can't Recall Many Things Connected With Burr & Knapp Bankruptcy.**

**EXPENSE LISTED AS ASSETS UPON BOOKS**

**Sixty Thousand Dollar Business Sold For Song, Is New Disclosure.**

Failure of Hervie Burr, of the firm of Burr & Knapp to recall many things intimately connected with the defunct banking concern's business featured the inquiry, which began today.

Interesting things were brought out. It was intimated that a \$60,000 business had been sold for a mere song. Expenses had been listed as assets, was one assertion. A letter book, containing correspondence for the days before the bankruptcy is missing, it was testified.

The hearing was begun before John W. Banks, referee in bankruptcy, today.

Hervie E. Burr, former member of the bankrupt firm of Burr & Knapp was summoned before the United States District court to be examined by Spottswood D. Bowers, special prosecutor for the state. He was a most reluctant witness, memory having failed him on material points in which he is supposed to have acted in a fiduciary capacity for the City Guaranty and Safe Deposit Co., the Georgia Loan & Trust Co. and others financially interested in the concern.

So poor was the memory of this young banker about transactions in which he is known to have taken part that John C. Chamberlain, trustee, was compelled to comment to the effect that it was surprising an officer of a banking firm should be found to know so little of what actually happened within such a short space of time after the events.

It was disclosed from the proceedings today that the City Guaranty & Safe Deposit Co. disclosed that 1,000 shares of this concern were carried by the receiver for \$300. The witness under examination today swore that this business was worth between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Another feature that was brought out in the inquiry disclosed that the Burr & Knapp books disclose that any accounts payable would be on the books as assets to the amount of \$12,000. Testimony of Hervie Burr was to the effect that these assets were in reality liabilities.

Attorney John C. Chamberlain, who interposed remarks throughout declared that a close examination of the books probably would show that the accounts payable eventually would be found not charged as disclosed by the investigator, and that the last was sold for \$350 having cost, when new, \$1,200.

It was also disclosed that Hervie Burr who apparently had much to do in the Burr & Knapp's business conduct, but could remember little until telegrams and documents were shown him to refresh his memory, was left to close the doors when the failure occurred. Herbert M. Knapp having left the city earlier in the morning after he had ordered the receivership.

In explanation of the sale of City Guaranty and Safe Deposit stock for a paltry sum, Trustee John C. Chamberlain later said that this stock represented the entire patrimony of Charles Knapp, who had spent nearly \$40,000 in getting the records and \$10,000 for the use of J. P. Morgan's system of bookkeeping. He said that the stock had greatly depreciated until it was finally sold by the Bullards to him for \$2,500. An equal equity in the business had previously been bought by Hervie M. Knapp. Charles Knapp, he said, is working for \$12 per week today.

The only statement that Attorney Bowers would make today regarding the proceedings before Referee Banks was: "I am here to find out if funds have gone into other hands through preference or otherwise, which should not be in possession of the creditors. And I am going to find out."

That there has been considerable friction regarding the procuring of necessary information regarding the various deals that resulted in the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. getting the stock and business of the Burr & Knapp and some of its co-related companies, was evident from the testimony today.

A letter book of the Burr & Knapp firm having the correspondence of the company just prior to its failure, is missing. Certain other checks and telegrams are said not to be found and it was primarily to ascertain what became of these documents that Hervie Burr was placed on the witness stand. He declared that he was neither secretary of the Burr & Knapp firm, or the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., as had been supposed.

Failure of young Knapp to recall whether he had been given money to purchase the stock of the City Guaranty & Safe Deposit Co. by Miss Anna Penfield or whether he purchased the stock directly for the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. caused Attorney Bowers to ask him to be sworn before the court to produce the books of the latter company to show just what the transaction involved.

At this juncture John C. Chamberlain, trustee, said that he had been called by the court to produce the books of the latter company to show just what the transaction involved.

There is little likelihood, it was said today, that he would soon resume active work as head of the detective bureau in the police department.

**Captain G. H. Arnold Progressing Favorably**

Reports from the bedside of Capt. George H. Arnold today indicate that he is progressing favorably.

Relatives expect him to recover. There is little likelihood, it was said today, that he would soon resume active work as head of the detective bureau in the police department.

## MISS ROBINSON TO BREAK WINE ON SUBMARINE

**Daughter of Naval Officer to Preside At Local Christening.**

**VESSEL BUILT HERE TO DIVE ON MAY 1**

**Is First of Submarines Completed Under Reorganization of Lake Plant.**

Miss Rosalind Robinson, 14-year-old daughter of Lieutenant-Commander H. H. S. Robinson, naval constructor at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., will officially baptize the first submarine to be launched under her father's regime at the local plant.

The ceremonies of the launching of the L-4, construction of which was begun on May 14, 1914, will be simple. Besides the usual naval inspectors, only a few invited guests and officials of the company will be present.

It is expected that the submarine, which is now almost ready to go overboard, will slide easily into the high tide May 1. All Miss Robinson will have to do is to stand upon the specially constructed platform and as the submarine begins to slip away, break the specially prepared bottle of champagne and say, "I christen thee L-4."

The L-4 is one of 11 of the same class which were authorized by Congress in 1912, and contracted for delivery the two subsequent years. It was not until April 24, 1914, that the Lake Co.'s contracts were finally awarded. They are building besides the L-4 in the Pacific coast, the L-5 and L-7, on the Pacific coast. These boats also are expected to be launched May 1. It will be some six months later that the official tests will be made for acceptance by the government.

The Electric Boat Co., which received contracts for similar type boats a year previous to the Lake Co., has already completed several of these boats. They are about 165 feet in length, displace about 580 tons, and are capable of traveling at a rate of 14 knots on the surface and 10 when submerged. In addition to the torpedo tube armament which is said to be satisfactory to the navy, the Lake Co. boats are to be mounted on the superstructure.

They are of the heavy oil burning type for engine propulsion on the surface and on later types driven when submerged. The contract price was \$85,000 for the L-4. Those built on the Pacific coast were awarded at \$60,000 each.

The Lake Co. in this city has been growing with rapid strides. No submarines have been launched here since the C-3 in 1912 and as a completely new construction management has had charge of affairs under the reorganization of the company much interest is displayed in the showing of the L-4 and the sister ships on the Pacific.

At the big plant work is also progressing on later types of submarines known as the N-1, N-2 and N-3, which were awarded on Oct. 18, 1915. These boats will not be launched for over a year.

## MRS. LESSER'S DEATH SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

**Coroner Phelan Will Summon Witnesses of Automobile Accident.**

Coroner J. J. Phelan will summon witnesses to appear at 3 o'clock to testify before him in an inquiry into the death of Mrs. Ell L. Lesser, who was injured April 8 by an automobile.

Mrs. Lesser died suddenly at 10 o'clock last night. Her recovery had been expected. She had received a broken leg and an injury to her back when struck by the car driven by Andrew R. Smith, son of Dr. Edward M. Smith of 867 Park avenue.

The police said no arrest would be made until the coroner and medical examiner had made their reports. There is doubt as to the direct cause of death.

At the request of Coroner John J. Phelan, Detective James Dooley was detailed today by Capt. William Anderson, acting head of the police department, to investigate the circumstances of the death of Mrs. Lesser. His first act this afternoon was to make a statement from Mr. Smith, Detective Dooley will endeavor to obtain the names of other witnesses.

Mrs. Lesser was injured on a stormy night when she was attempting to cross Clinton avenue, at Fairfield. The car of Mr. Smith, turning into Clinton from Fairfield avenue, struck Mrs. Lesser, who was walking with an umbrella before her.

Mrs. Lesser was taken to her home, where she was treated by Dr. Smith and Dr. George Hawley. Later Dr. C. N. Haskell was called.

Dr. Haskell, who visited Mrs. Lesser shortly before she died, said he is at a loss to account for her sudden death, as she apparently was conversing.

Sarah Lesser was 52 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Klein. She was among the most prominent of the German Jews in the city and her loss is felt greatly by her hundreds of friends in Bridgeport and other cities. She was interested in charity and so widespread was the good she did that many persons benefitted through her all mourning her loss. She was a member of the Hebrew Charitable society and belonged to the Park Avenue Temple congregation.

"All right," replied Mr. Bowers, "I (Continued on Page 2.)"

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**STRIKERS STAND PAT ON ATTITUDE**

**Refuse to Make Overtures and Insist on Recognition of Committee.**

No overtures will be made the American Graphophone Co. by the strikers who quit their jobs last week. According to an announcement following the meeting today, the men will wait until the officials are willing to meet a committee representing the men's organization.

A communication was received at the gathering this morning in Balcones hall, from Assistant Manager Stevenson of the plant, in which he said the company is willing to take back all the men except two who were discharged.

Conferences have been held by the men representing the strikers' organization, with heads of other unions that have workers in the Graphophone Co. shop, and it was learned that there is dissatisfaction in other departments. A general mass meeting will be called soon.

Half a dozen inspectors joined the strikers this morning. They had refused to teach some strike breakers who were employed.

**SPETZER TO TAKE STAND**

Nathan Spetzer, the Bethel hatter, who claims his expulsion from the union prevented him from making a living, will take the stand in the superior court tomorrow morning to resume his testimony in the \$8,000 suit he brought against Local No. 1, United Hatters of North America.